Independent Commission for minorities/SC/ST/OBCs

3889. SHRIMATI SYEDAANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to create an independent Commission on the lines of the UPSC to provide jobs to minorities, SCs, STs and backward classes in the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

RTI information on website

3890. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry's website reports that "file noting" does not come under the definition of "information" under Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is no such provision in the Act; and

(c) if so, the reasons for interpreting the definition of "information" beyond the ambit of the Act and giving the same on website?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Act does not specifically provide for disclosure of file notings. The position taken on the website is in accordance with the legislative intent.

Training of IAS officers

3891. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a mandatory for Indian Administrative Services officers to take training in foreign country;